

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 399

By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Cathy Whitehead on being selected as the 2015–2016 Tennessee Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Whitehead of Chester County is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead was recently named the 2015–2016 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a third-grade teacher at West Chester Elementary, Cathy Whitehead received the state's top teaching honor during the annual Teacher of the Year banquet. She was further honored as the Grand Division winner for West Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Cathy Whitehead serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitehead truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Cathy Whitehead on being chosen as the 2015–2016 Tennessee Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the youth of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.